

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I. — Captain Phineas P. Scraggs has grown up around the docks of San Francisco, and from meas boy on a river stommer, risen to, the ownership of the steamer Maggie. Since each annual inspection promised to be the last of the old weatherbeaten vessel, Scraggs naturally has some difficulty in securing a crew. When the story opens, Adelbert P. Gibney, likable but erratic, a man whom nebody but Scraggs would hire, is the skipper, Nells Halvorsen, a solemn Saele, constitutes the focastic hands, and Bart McGuffey, a wastrel of the Gibney type, reigns in the engine room.

CHAPTER II.—With this motley crew and his ancient vessel, Captain Scraggs is engaged in freighting garden truck from Haitmoon bay to San Francisco. The inevitable happens, the Maggie going

CHAPTER III.—A passing vessel balling the wreck, Mr. Gibney gets word to
a towing company in San Francisco that
the ship ashore is the Yankee Prince,
with promise of a rich salvage. Two
tugs succeed in pulling the Maggle into
deep water, and she slips her tow lines
and gots away in the fee.

CHAPTER V.—Scraggs refuses to ful-nil his promises and Gibney and McGuf-fey "strike." With Smarvelous luck, Scraggs ships a fresh crew. At the and of a few days of wild convivality Gibney and McGuffey are stranged and seek their old positions on the Maggie. They are hostilely received, but remain. On their way to San Pianeisco they sight a derelict and Gibney and McGuffey swim to it.

CHAPTER VL-The derelict proves to be the Chesapeake, righty laden, its entire crew stricken with scurvy. Scraggs attempts to tow her in, but the Maggle is unequal to the task and Gibney and McGuffey, alone, sail the ship to San Prancisco, their salvage money amounting to 1,000 mages.

CHAPTER VII.—Independently Fich, our two adventurers still have a kindly feeling for the Massie, and his crew having deserted him, Captain Scrages induces them to feture. At an "old horse" sale the three purchase two mysterious boxes which they believe to contain smuscled "Oriental goods." They find, instead, two dead Chinamer.

CHAPTER VIII.

Had either Mr. Gibney or McGuffey been much puzzled to recount for that worthy's actions. First he dealed around the block into Drumm street, and then ran down Drumm to California, where he climbed aboard a cable car and rode up into Chinatown. Arriving at Dupont street he alighted.

Came aboard they found Captain Captain Captain Captain Services and Reserver. Sensity Master in Chancery and Captain Services and Reserver. Sensity Master in Chancery of the court, residing at Court, riving at Dupont street he alighted and walked up that interesting theroughfare until he come to No. 714. He ginneed at a sign over the door and was aware that he stood before the a deal, Bart. It stands to reason it entrance to the offices of the Chinese Six Companies, so he climbed upstairs My imagination may be a bit off the and inquired for Gin Sens, who presently made his appearance.

Gin Seng, a very nice, fat China- the ship I can smell it." man, arrayed in a flowing slik gown, begged, in pidgin English, to know in what manner he could be of service,

"Me heap big captain, allee same ship," began Captain Scraggs, "On board ship two China boys have got." (Here Captain Scraggs winked knowingly.) "China boy no speak Eng-

"That being the case," interposed Gin Seng, "I presume that you and I understand each other, so let's cut out the pidgin English. Do I understand that you are engaged in evading the immigration laws?"

"Exactly." Captain Serages managed to gasp, as soon as hatcould recover from his aston shment, "They showed me your name an' address, an' they won't leave th' ship, where I got 'em locked up in my cabin, until you come an' take 'em away. Comple o' relatives of yours, I should imagine."

Gin Seng smiled his bland Chinese smile. He had frequent dealings with ship masters engaged in the dangerous, though lucrative, trade of smuggling Chinese into the United States, and while he had not received advice of this particular shipment, he decided to go with Captain Scraggs to Jackson street bulkhead and see if he could not be of some use to his countrymen.

As Captain Scraggs and his Chinese companion approached the whart the skipper glanced warily about. He had small fear that either Gibney or Me-Guffey would show up for an hour, for he knew that Mr. Gibney had money in his possession. However, he decided to take no chances, and scouted the vicinity thoroughly before venturing abourd the Maggie. These actions served but to increase the respect of Gin Seng for the master of the Maggle and confirmed him in his belief that

the Maggie was a smuggler. Capfaln Scraggs took his visitor inside the little cabin, carefully locked and bolted the door, lifted the zing finp back from the top of the crate of "Oriental goods" and displayed the pointed to the Chinese characters on the wooden ild of the crate.

"What does these hea scratches mean?" demanded Scraggs. "This man Is named Ah Ghow and

he belongs to the Hop Sing tong," "How about his pul here?" "That man is evidently Ng Chong Yip. He is also a Hop Sing man." right," he said cheerity; "much give us the double cross-"

is what the Hop Sing tong means by up nice so's they'll keep, packs 'em

Gin Seng shrugged his shoulders and

old horse sale?"

replied that he didn't understand, "You lie," snarled Captain Scraggs, "You savey all right, you fat old idel, you! It's because if the railroad company knew these two boxes contained dead corpses they'd a soaked the relatives, which is you, one full fare each from wherever these two dead ones CHAPTER IV.—Furious at the deception practice on them, Captains Horses and Flahesty, commanding the two tigner boats, ascertain the identity of the "Yankee Frince" and, fearing relicule should the facts become known along the water front, determine on personal vengeance. Their hostile visit to the Maggie results in Captain Scrangs promising to get a new feeler and make needed repairs to the steamer. comes from, just the same as though dred dollars to recover these two stiffs, an' close my mouth. If you don't come through I'll make a belch t' th' newspapers an' they'll keel haul an' skulldrag th' Chinese Six Companies and the Hop Sing long through the courts for eyadin' th' laws o' th' interstate commerce commission, an' make 'em look like monkeys generally. An' then the police'll get wind of it. Savey, policee-man, you fat old murderer? Th' price I'm askin' is cheap, Charley, How do I know but what these two Denmark, my bully boy, an' you'll

> save time an' trouble an' money by diggin' up five hundred dollars." Gin Seng said he would go back to McGuffey. Chinatewn and consult with his company. For reasons of his own he was | mured McGuffey.

badly frightened. Scarce had be departed before the watchful eye of Captain Scraggs observed Mr. Gibney and McGuffey in a scientific institution requested airbeen watching Captain Scraggs after the offing, a block away. When they men engaged in meteorological explo-

was suspicious. "He's got his lines fast somewhere-you can bank on that," was his comment. "While we was away he rigged up some kind of was a mighty profitable deal, too. My imagination may be a bit off the course at times, Bart, but in general, STATE OF MICHIGAN - in the Supreme if there's a dead whale floatin' around

"What do you make out o' that fat Chinaman cruisin' down the bulkhend in an express wagon an' another Chinaman settin' up on the bridge with him?" McGuffey demanded. "Seems to me they're comin', bows on, for the Magney."

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Captain Scraggs wrote it down. "All to know. "Seein' as how be tried to give us the double cross—"

That dirty Scraggs?" McGuntey wanted Dated:

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obliged. Now, what I went to know We'll fix Screegey-all ship-shape

formed that Gin Seng had gone out twenty minutes before, and further inquiry revealed that he had departed in an express wagon. Consumed with misgivings of disaster, Scraggs returned to the Maggie as fast as the cable car and his legs could carry him. In the cubin he found Mr. Gibney and Modle Consumer and allowing said account. formed that Gin Seng had gone out Probate McGuffey playing cribbage. They laid down their hands as Scraggs entered.

Mr. Gibney began at once: "To show you what a funny world this is, while me an' Bart's settin' on deck a-waitin' for you to come back, along a fat old Chinaman in an exorses of Oriental goods. He makes me an' Mac what we considers a fair offer. Lemme see, now," he continued, and got out a stub of lead pencil with which he commenced figuring on the Present: Hon. James G. Kress, Probate shipping the departed brethren by white olicloth table cover. "We paid freight? They go to work an' fix 'em | twenty dollars for them two derelicts an' a dollar towage. That's twentyaway in a zinc coffin, inside a nice one dollars, an' a third o' twenty-one plain wood box, labels 'em 'Oriental is seven, an' seven dollars from twengoods,' an' consigns 'em to the Gin ty-five leaves eighteen dollars comin' Seng company, 714 Dupont street, San to you. Here's your eighteen dollars, Francisco, Now, why are these two Scraggsy, you lucky old vagabond-all countrymen o' yours shipped by freight | clear profit on a neat day's work, no -where, by the way, they goes astray. expense, no investment, no back-break, thereof for some reason that I don't know in interest charges or overhead, an' nothin' about, an' I buys 'em up at a sold out at your own figger."

Captain Scraggs' face was a study in conflicting emotions as he raked in the eighteen dollars. "Thanks, Gib," be said frigidly.

"Me an' Gib's goin' ashore for lunch at the Marigold cafe," McGuffey announced presently, in order to break the horrible silence that followed Scraggsy's crushing defeat. "I'm willin' to spend some o' my profits on the
deal an' blow you to a lunch with a
small bottle o' Dago Red thrown in.

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off his gloom and appear sprightly. "What'd you peddle them two cadavers for, Glb?"

formed Scraggs that that was none of the latter's business—and Scraggs assimilated the hint, "Well, at any rate, Gib, whatever you scaked him, it was county," formed Scraggs that that was none of there n mighty good sale an' I congratulate MILDRED S. TAPT. Sodge of Probate you. I think mebbe I might ha' done a little better myself, but then it gin't every day a feller can turn an eighteen-dollar trick on a corpse," "Comin' to lunch with us?" McGut-

fey demanded. "Sure. Walt a minute till I run blood? There's somethin' retten in forward an' see if the lines is all fust." He stepped out of the cabin and presently Glbney and McGuffey were PERRY C. FREEMAN. Flaintiff. conscious of a rapid succession of thuds on the deck. Gibney winked at

"Nother new hat gone to h-l," mur-

(Continued next week) This appears to be still an unsettled question in ornithology, and recently

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Maggie."

"They tell me to deduct somethin, Bart. Wait a minute till we see if they're comin abeard, If they are—"

"They're gain' to make a landin, Gib."

"—then I deduct that this body-santchin' Serage—"

"They're boardin' us, Gib."

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"They're boardin' us, Gib."

"—has arranged with you fal Chinaman to relieve us of the unwelcome presence of his defunct friends. He's gone an' lainted up the relatives an made 'em come across—that's what he's done. The dirty, low, schemin' grandidadly of all the foxes in Christopher (32), seventy-me (71), seventy-me (72), seventy-me (73), seventy-me (71), and harded their on hundred they in the fixty-line (89), one hundred forty-flore (148), and harded they standard they cannot an see what figer Scrages charged him," and Mr. Gibney saluted the Chinaman in a continue of the recorded lat the foxes in Christopher (73), seventy-me (71), one hundred to the party in interest who shall he foxes in Christopher (73), seventy-me (71), one hundred the foxty-flore (141), one hundred forty-flore (142), and hundred they strengths." (73), seventy-me (71), one hundred they continue on the flore of the Resider of Deeds in and for Gratiot Court, Michigan.

"Bart. Wait a minute till we' see if the proof of claim state what if any excurity they fold for the court of the Supreme Court of th and William C. Nidack, Trustees,

They had not long to wait. Upon his arrival at Gin Seng's place of business Captain Scraggs had been in

account.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of heaving, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

In the matter of the estate of
FPHARIM NELSON, Deceased.
The above estate having been admitted to
Probate and Earl Nelson appointed Adminis-

trator thereof.

It is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present their claims against said estate and that such claims will be heard by said court on Friday, the first day of March, 1922, at ten o'clock in the forenous.

It is further ordered. That public notice thereof he given by publication of this under for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said (Signed) JAMES G. KRESS, Judge of Probate

MILDRED E. TAFT, Register of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot. At a session of said court, held at the pro-bate office in the village of Ithaca in said county, on the 16th day of November, A. D.

How about It, Scraggs?"

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not answer. In effect, his grin in- polition. It is further ordered, that public notice

THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED

STATES For the Western District of Micaigan, Southern Division, In Equity, whom it May Concern: Take notice that it session of said court in in and for said District and Division in a City of Grand Randos, Michigan, on the did not of November, A. D. 1921.

Present, the Homemble Clarence W. Sessons, District Judge; the following Order as made and interest.

MUNICIPAL PIG FARMS CORPORATION.

ORDER FOR PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

On reading and considering a petition this day filed by Grand Rapids Trust Company. Receiver of defendant, and of its property, praying there is, among other things, that an order he made requiring all persons having claims against the said defendant to file such values with a Master in Chancery.

2. All creditors of the defendant Municipal Pig Farms Corporation and of its producessor and assignor the American Stock Food Company shall, within sixty days from this date, file their claims duly verified with John S. Lawyence. Master in Chancery, 609 Michigan Trust Company Building, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and serve a copy thereof personally of by mail on Grand Rapids Trust Company, Receiver income, on blanks to be furnished by said Master and all claims not so filed and proved shall not be enforceable against the property of said Municipal Pig Farms Corporation and the American Stock against the property of said Municipal Pig Farms Corporation and the American Stock I Food Company and all creditors refusing or reglecting to file their claims within the time aforesaid, shall be surred and foreclosed from participating in any distribution of assets of said Municipal Pis Farms Corporation or its predecessor American Stock Food Company, unless on special application and on good cause shown the court shall otherwise direct. All claimants shall in their proof of claim state what if any security they hold for the payment of their claims and if they claim priority in the payment of their claims, they shall so state and cive reasons for such claim of practice.

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I. Proof by affidavit in the form prescribed by the Master shall be considered sufficient proof of any such claims unless within one mouth from the date limited for the filing

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